

A<sup>3</sup> 17. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein the antigen is immobilised on an inert surface, embedded in a gel, or conjugated to a molecule which imparts colour, fluorescence or radioactivity to the antigen.

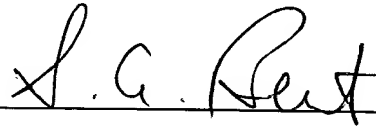
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 4, 6 and 7 and new Claim 18 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, which utilises antigens expressed by *Candida*.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 [or claim 5], wherein the antigen is immobilised on an inert surface, embedded in a gel, or conjugated to a molecule which imparts colour, fluorescence or radioactivity to the antigen.

7. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the biological sample is selected from the group consisting of bone marrow, plasma, spinal fluid, lymph fluid, the external sections of the skin from respiratory, intestinal, and genitourinary tracts, tears, saliva, milk, blood; both whole blood and sera, blood cells, tumours and organs.